



Faculty Senate - Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Gregg Cawley (*Member at Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member at Large*), Ashley Carlisle-Hope (*Member at Large*), Evan Johnson (Tardy) (*Chair-Elect*).

Members Absent: Brad Rettler (*Member-at-Large*)

Guests Present: David Bagley (*Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs*), Temple Stoellinger, Carolyn Pepper (*Vice Provost, Graduate Education*).

Meeting called to order at 12:32pm.

A motion was called to approve the minutes of the last session; seconded, carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby spoke about the State of the University address given by President Seidel, noting that it was both unusual and somewhat inspiring, given that the address was interrupted by a power outage. Chair Godby remarked that the shared experience was perceived by him to be a community building experience for everyone involved.

He then addressed a time-sensitive matter regarding the Occupational Therapy PhD program that is coming to the University, noting that the program originated in North Dakota, and requires a response from the academic committees as well as the Faculty Senate. Chair Godby noted that the University of Wyoming was approached by UND for this program. The chair noted some of the mechanisms involved in the transfer of the program into UW's demesne, as well as some of the issues surrounding bringing the program under UW's auspices.

Chair mentioned that in accordance with state and federal law and guidelines, a typology is being drafted to help make funding determinations both quicker and more fluid. Guidelines will be forthcoming, and Chair Godby noted that business managers should not be making funding decisions on what to fund and what not to fund.

Other Business

Faculty Senate Coordinator provided an update about the website and received permission to roll out the changes to the live site.

Chair then discussed the on-going efforts of the Committee on Committees to staff out the remaining committees, including the Academic Planning Committee. Chair noted that it has been a struggle to get these committees staffed out, and that some colleges are more difficult than others when it comes to staffing the committees due to other time constraints. Chair noted that the plan for staffing involves Jonathan contacting individuals. Chair indicated that new charges for the committees will likely be needed.



Chair Godby asked for and received a report about the Faculty Conciliator and the Dispute Resolution Panel nominations, with only a single nomination being had for the Dispute Resolution Panel. He further noted that the Chair-Elect position still needs to be filled and advocated for Executive Committee members to begin hunting for members for the Chair Elect position, as well as the positions of the Faculty Conciliator and the Dispute Resolution Panel.

Chair Godby then asked for Temple Stoellinger to provide a report on the Graduate Council, and Temple spoke about several changes being proposed to clarify language and facilitate the purpose of the work of graduate students and the Grad Council itself. Temple reviewed these changes with the committee, which led to a few questions asked and answered.

Discussion of the proposed Resolution 496, which ties to Regulation 6-4 regarding campus demonstrations and the SAP being adopted to describe the situational elements and control surrounding such demonstrations. The SAP is designed to describe how the regulation is enforced and implemented on campus. Discussion surrounding the current political environment with the SAP, the utility of the freedom of speech, and the potential impacts on Campus and the broader UW community. Further discussion ensued regarding some of the specifics of the SAP/Regulation and how it intersects with spontaneous demonstrations. After considerable discussion, Resolution 496 is likely to be postponed for further discussion.

Caroline provided an update on the Occupational Therapy PhD and noted that Academic Planning Committee seemed to generally approve of bringing the program to the University of Wyoming. It was noted that the program is largely self-sufficient, requiring very little from UW in terms of financial or personnel support. Considerable discussion about how to speed up this program being transferred to UW, as well as the ramifications of bringing the program to UW.

Chair Godby then brought up the invitation to the joint faculty and staff senate meeting, which is stylized as a reception for the bodies to try and work together and networking. Furthermore, it is supposed to be a session dedicated to workshopping various issues around campus. Further conversation ensued concerning the nature of the meeting and how it might appear misleading to others. Commentary about the shifting nature of the meeting, which was initially supposed to be just a meet'n'greet, which has now become a reception complete with a workshopping section to drive change and address issues. Several questions were asked about the structure and formatting of the event, as all some additional ideas and feedback regarding the event.

Discussion then ensued about the necessary steps to postpone or table the resolution 496.

Motion to adjourn at 2:23pm; seconded, carried.